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EDUCATION

1999 Ph.D. Claremont Graduate University: Religion (History of Christianity)
Dissertation: "The Journey of the Soul: Its Expressions in Early
Christianity"
Director: Gregory J. Riley
1998 M.A. Claremont Graduate University: Religion
1993 M.A. Creighton University: History (Ancient History)
1990 B.A. Santa Clara University: History

EMPLOYMENT

2012-present Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Oregon
2008-2012 Assistant Professor, Bridgewater College
2006-2008 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Oregon
2004-2006 Assistant Professor, College of Santa Fe
2000-2004 Visiting Assistant Professor, Wells College
1999-2000 Visiting Assistant Professor, West Virginia University

CONCURRENT APPOINTMENTS

2013 Spring Lecturer, Semester at Sea, University of Virginia

REFEREED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"Peripatetic Pedagogy: Travel and Transgression in the *Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles*." *Studia Patristica* 65 (2013): 263-275.

"Spec(tac)ular Sights: Mirroring in/of Acts." In *Engaging Early Christian History: Reading Acts in the Second Century*, edited by Rubén R. Dupertuis and Todd Penner, 59-78. Durham, England: Acumen Publishing, 2013.

"Surveillance, Interrogation, and Discipline: Inside Ignatius' Panopticon." *Studia Patristica* 45 (2010): 373-378.

"Thinking With Soul: *Psychē* and *Psychikos* in the Construction of Early Christian Identities." *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 17 (2009): 563-603.

["Surveillant Discipline: Panoptic Vision in Early Christian Self-Definition."](#) *The Bible and Critical Theory* 4.2 (2008): 23.1-23.21.

[“Flip-Flop? John Chrysostom’s Polytropic Paul.”](#) *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism* 4 (2007): 9-31.

“Following in Paul’s Footsteps: *Mimēsis* and Power in Ignatius of Antioch.” In *Trajectories through the New Testament and the Apostolic Fathers*, edited by Andrew F. Gregory and Christopher M. Tuckett, 287-305. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.

[“Jesus’ Farewell Discourse, ‘Otherness,’ and the Construction of a Johannine Identity.”](#) *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 32 (2003): 39-58.

[“The Areopagus as Echo Chamber: *Mimesis* and Intertextuality in Acts 17.”](#) *The Journal of Higher Criticism* 9 (2002): 259-277.

“Saying as Doing: Performative Prayer and Mystical Ascent in Hermetic Hymnody.” *Cauda Pavonis: Studies in Hermeticism* 20 (2001): 1-8.

DICTIONARY ENTRIES

“Legal Status: Early Church”; “Religious Leaders: Roman World.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Gender Studies*, edited by Julia O’Brien. Oxford: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

Five entries on the Greco-Roman World, Hellenistic Judaism, and Early Christianity for *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture*, edited by Judith R. Baskin. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Forty-four entries on the Greco-Roman World, New Testament, and Early Christianity for *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, edited by Katharine Doob Sakenfeld. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2006-2009.

SELECT REVIEWS

Jeroen De Keyser and W. Scott Blanchard, ed.; trans., *Francesco Filelfo. On Exile*. In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* [2013.11.9](#).

Nicholas J. Baker-Brian, *Manichaeism: An Ancient Faith Rediscovered*. In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 80 (2012): 266-269.

L. Arik Greenberg, “My Share of God’s Reward”: *Exploring the Roles and Formulations of the Afterlife in Early Christian Martyrdom*. In *The Catholic Historical Review* 96 (2010): 765-766.

Jennifer Wright Knust, *Abandoned to Lust: Sexual Slander and Ancient Christianity*. In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* [2006.03.13](#).

Todd Penner, *In Praise of Christian Origins: Stephen and the Hellenists in Lukan Apologetic Historiography*. In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* [2005.04.13](#).

Luke Timothy Johnson, *Brother of Jesus, Friend of God: Studies in the Letter of James*. In *The Expository Times* 116 (2005): 173.

Antigone Samellas, *Death in the Eastern Mediterranean (50-600 A.D.). The Christianization of the East: An Interpretation*. In *Bulletin of the Institute for Antiquity and Christianity* 29 (2002): 10-11.

Jack W. Hannah, *You Will Not Taste Death: Jesus and Epicureanism*. In *Review of Biblical Literature* [03.05.01](#).

Richard Klein, *Roma versa per aevum: Ausgewählte Schriften zur heidnischen und christlichen Spätantike*. In *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* [2000.07.05](#).

Thirty-six reviews published in *Religious Studies Review* (2005-present).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Exile, Identity, and Space: Cyprian of Carthage and the Rhetoric of Social Formation.” American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting; Baltimore, MD; November 25, 2013.

“Peripatetic Pedagogues: Travel and Transgression in Early Christian Fiction.” The Sixteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies; Oxford, England; August 9, 2011.

“The Rhetoric of Exile.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting; Atlanta, GA; November 20, 2010.

“Whither *Mimēsis*? Metacritical Reflections on Rhetorical Imitation.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA; November 21, 2009.

“Surveillance, Interrogation, and Discipline: Inside Ignatius’ Panopticon.” The Fifteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies; Oxford, England; August 8, 2007.

“Constructing Identity and Imaginative Geographies: The Soul in Early Christian Self-Definition.” North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting; Chicago, IL; May 27, 2006.

“Flip-Flop? John Chrysostom’s Polytopic Paul.” American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting; Philadelphia, PA; November 19, 2005.

“Following in Paul’s Footsteps: *Mimēsis* and Power in Ignatius of Antioch.” Oxford University Conference “The New Testament and the Apostolic Fathers”; Lincoln College; Oxford, England; April 6, 2004.

“The Areopagus as Echo Chamber: *Mimesis* and Intertextuality in Acts 17.” Claremont Graduate University Conference “Luke and *Mimesis*: Imitations of Classical Literature in Luke-Acts”; Claremont, CA; March 15, 2003.

“Jesus’ Farewell Discourse, ‘Otherness,’ and the Construction of a Johannine Identity.” American Academy of Religion Eastern International Regional Meeting; Ottawa, Ontario; April 27, 2002.

“The Greeks’ Embassy to Achilles: Mapping the Terrain of an Infelicitous Performance.” American Academy of Religion Eastern International Regional Meeting; Ithaca, NY; March 30, 2001.

"Saying as Doing: Performative Prayer and Mystical Ascent in Hermetic Hymnody." American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting; Nashville, TN; November 18, 2000.

"Soul vs. Soul: *Psychē* in Hellenistic Philosophy and Early Christian Polemic." American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting; Tacoma, WA; May 8, 1999.

"Greek Cosmology and the Opponents in the *Authentikos Logos*." American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting; Portland, OR; May 9, 1998.

"Cosmology, *Paideia*, and Astral Ascent in the *Hermetica* and Origen." American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting; Langley, British Columbia; May 2, 1997.

"The Cultural Construction of Gender and the Early Christian Exhortation to 'Become Male.'" UCLA Graduate Student Conference on Late Antiquity; Los Angeles, CA; May 18, 1996.

INVITED LECTURES

["Sexting the Text: Ancient Masculinity, Pauline Morality, and the Politics of Biblical Translation."](#) Humanists of Greater Portland; Portland, OR; June 30, 2013.

"Who Do People Say That I Am?": Early Christian Mythmaking, or How to Create (a) God." Portland State University, Portland, OR; January 24, 2013.

["Gospel Truth\(s\): A Critical Interrogation of the Good News."](#) Portland State University, Portland, OR; November 6, 2012.

"Eyesight to the Blind: A Scriptural Sounding at the Festival of Booths (Jn 9:1-41)." North River Ministerial Association, Bridgewater, VA; April 3, 2011.

"Turning Ploughshares into Swords: Violence and Civilization in the Ancient Near East." Family Weekend, College of Santa Fe; Santa Fe, NM; October 1, 2005.

"The Antichrist Theme in Contemporary Thought." *Words of the Prophets*, Santa Fe Public Radio Program (KSFR); March 5, 2005.

"Searching for the Antichrist: America's 'Other' Pastime." Faculty Lecture Series, College of Santa Fe; Santa Fe, NM; February 1, 2005.

"Greco-Roman Heroism and the Pauline Tradition." Family Weekend, College of Santa Fe; Santa Fe, NM; October 2, 2004.

"Confronting '-centrisms': Experiential Learning and World Religions." Alumnae College, Wells College; Aurora, NY; June 6, 2003.

“Identity and Ethics: Intersections in Greco-Roman and Early Christian Literature.” United Ministry, Aurora, NY; October 28, 2001.

AREAS OF RESEARCH

New Testament and Christian Origins, Extracanonical Christianities, Patristic Christianity

AREAS OF TEACHING

Hebrew Bible, New Testament and Christian Origins, History of Christianity, Greco-Roman Religions, Islam, World Religions, Method and Theory, Religion and Gender, Religion and Ethics

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

2014-2015	Residence Life Faculty Fellow, University of Oregon
2001-2004	Pluralism Project Affiliate Grant, Harvard University
1998-1999	Dissertation Grant, Claremont Graduate University
1997 Spring	Graduate Student Travel Award, Claremont Graduate University
1996 Fall	Graduate Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University
1995-1996	Stuart Jardine Wolfenden Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University
1994-1995	Graduate Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University
1991-1993	Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Creighton University
1990 Spring	Eta Sigma Phi and Phi Alpha Theta Honor Societies

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2012-present	Research Fellow, Westar Institute
2005-2010	Research Project Member, Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, “ <i>Mimesis</i> in Ancient Jewish and Christian Literature”
2005-2006	Sub-Editor (History of Christianity), <i>Religious Studies Review</i>
2004-2008	Research Fellow, Committee for the Scientific Examination of Religion

COLLEGE SERVICE

Bridgewater College

2011-2012	Faculty Representative, Writing Instruction Focus Group
2010-2011	Faculty Representative, Graduate Fellowships Committee
2009-2012	Faculty Representative, Service Learning Committee
2008-2012	Faculty Representative, Library Committee

College of Santa Fe

2005-2006	Humanities Representative, Academic Computing Committee
2004-2006	Humanities Representative, Library Committee

Wells College

2004 Intersession	Faculty Sponsor, Liberal Arts Practicum
2003-2004	Chair, Admissions and Financial Aid Committee
2003-2004	Representative, Faculty Subcommittee on Diversity
2003 Intersession	Faculty Sponsor, Liberal Arts Practicum
2002-2004	Chair, Religious Studies and Human Values

2002-2004	Faculty Representative, Admissions and Financial Aid Committee
2002 Intersession	Faculty Sponsor, Liberal Arts Practicum
2002 Intersession	Faculty Instructor, Off-Campus Service Learning Program
2001-2004	Coordinator, Program for Minors in Religious Studies
2001 Spring-2003	Faculty Representative, Community Court Committee
2001 Intersession	Faculty Sponsor, Liberal Arts Practicum
2000-2002	Coordinator, Hillel Club
2000-2001	Member, Interfaith Council

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Society of Biblical Literature
American Academy of Religion
North American Patristics Society
North American Association for the Study of Religion

LANGUAGES

German, French, Hebrew, Greek, Coptic, Latin

REFERENCES

Judith R. Baskin Associate Dean of Humanities University of Oregon 1245 University of Oregon Eugene, OR 97403 jbaskin@uoregon.edu (541) 346-3902	Daniel K. Falk Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies Penn State University 103B Weaver Building University Park, PA 16802 dkf16@psu.edu (814) 865-8851
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